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the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission.***

REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
CULVER CITY PARKS, RECREATION  
AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION  
CULVER CITY, CALIFORNIA

November 5, 2019  
7:00 P.M.

**Call to Order & Roll Call**

Chair Mohammed called the regular meeting of the Parks,  
Recreation and Community Services Commission to order at 7:02  
P.M. in the Mike Balkman Council Chambers at Culver City City  
Hall.

Present: Palvi Mohammed, Chair  
Paula Amezola, Vice Chair  
Kay Heineman, Commissioner\*  
William Rickards, Commissioner  
Scott Zeidman, Commissioner

\*Commissioner Heinenman left the meeting at 10:06 p.m.

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**Pledge of Allegiance**

Jerry Chabola led the Pledge of Allegiance.

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**Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda**

Chair Mohammed invited public comment.

No cards were received and no speakers came forward.

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**Consent Calendar Items**

Item C-1

**PRCSC - Approve Minutes for the Regular Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Meeting of September 17, 2019**

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER ZEIDMAN, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER HEINEMAN AND UNANIMOUSLY CARRIED, THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION APPROVE THE MINUTES FOR THE SPECIAL PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION MEETING OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2019.

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**Order of the Agenda**

No changes were made.

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**Action Items**

Item A-1

**PRCSC - Review the Turf Consultant's Report on Park Fields in Culver City**

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, introduced the item.

Mr. Larry Musser, President of PRZ Sports Turf Consulting, provided an overview of the report on park fields in Culver City including an assessment of wear, maintenance and recommendations to improve; he discussed historic field usage; the change from seasonal usage to constant usage; damage to fields from lacrosse and rugby; rain; artificial fields; Goal-Mouth Syndrome; the correlation between maintenance and wear; increased usage but not increased maintenance; the ranking of Culver City compared to most cities; the wear audit; fertilizer usage; the need to allow time for the fields to recover; current maintenance practices; the initial site visit; compaction; the lack of aeration; ability to tolerate wear; grades; the amount of maintenance hours to raise field levels to reach sustainable levels; and options moving forward.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding clarification of terms; weeds; irrigation; frequency of mowing; non-permitted activities; staffing; and fertigation.

Chair Mohammed invited public comment.

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, reported that one emailed comment had been received from Peter Stern and would be added to the public record.

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, discussed his previous experience working with the consultant; the timeline and investment required to improve the fields; current staffing levels; irrigation; proper maintenance; high wear activities; and additional demand.

Patrick Reynolds, Parks Manager, expressed appreciation for the diligence of the crew and for the report to raise community awareness.

The following members of the audience addressed the audience:

Jerry Chabola discussed the challenge of year round sports; the School District; demand; determining how to use limited resources; landfill; irrigation; fertilization; the importance of communication; support for fertigation; and outreach to the community.

Larry Musser, PRZ Consulting, addressed comments regarding fertigation and landfills.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding landfills; maintenance; challenges; and expense.

David Winslow discussed watering issues in Lindberg Park and the need for a water study.

Discussion ensued between the consultant, staff and Commissioners regarding the need for a water study; preventative maintenance; leaks; aeration; compaction; taking the micro-climate into consideration; upgrading the irrigation central control system; and the current system.

Kevin Lachoff expressed appreciation for the study; discussed improving the parks and the community; Council Members with children in sports programs; and he asked to be notified when the item goes before the City Council.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding the effectiveness of citizen participation and advocacy and encouragement to anyone interested in the topic to sign up for email notifications on the City website.

Miles LaViolette acknowledged field improvements over time and questioned whether there was a way to use volunteers to help maintain the fields.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding union issues; the labor intensive nature of the work; the need for training and certification; typical use of volunteers; equipment used; liability issues; and appreciation for the offer of help.

Jacob Snyder, Turning Point School, discussed weeds.

Larry Musser, PRZ Consulting, discussed addressing weeds and use of fertilizer.

Laura Love, American Youth Soccer Organization (AYSO), expressed appreciation for the study; discussed field conditions; different factors that damage fields; and working together to improve conditions.

Larry Musser, PRZ Consulting, discussed the rainy season; standing water; prohibition of play on wet fields; enforcement; and raising funds for field maintenance.

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, discussed notification; user groups; and staffing.

Marc Weiss, Willows School, discussed the willingness of user groups to donate and he suggested raising fees to increase revenue to help with the process.

Larry Musser, PRZ Consulting, discussed ensuring that money raised is focused properly; he suggested charging by the person; and he noted the effectiveness of money raised by user groups.

David Winslow discussed rain days; active groups of young people in the community; forming a youth committee with the School District or Parks and Recreation; community service hours; and policing walk-on field activities.

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding unique patterns and issues with each park; wear index charts; use patterns; actual usage vs. programmed usage; activity weighted hours vs. total hours per week; historical perspective; the ban on sports where an object is propelled; ensuring that all sports can be played equally; equity issues; sports that create more of a burden on the parks; aging out of being allowed to play sports in the parks; closing the parks to allow for recovery; cutting down the total amount of wear; educating the community; and creating ownership.

Laura Love, AYSO, discussed community field users; preferential treatment for certain groups; providing kids with a chance to be active; and she wanted to see people that do put time, effort and energy into the community get something back.

Further discussion ensued between the consultant, staff and Commissioners regarding appreciation for community input; willingness to close the fields; allowing access for all; allowing choice of sport; the need to be organized; Fiesta La Ballona; impacts to allowing additional adult sports with closing the fields for recovery time; concern with reaching a point of no return; use of artificial turf; increased usage; donations; keeping the fields usable; having groups take ownership by being responsible for the care of the field; deterioration of the fields over time; taking the matter to the City Council; events that cause damage at Vets; damage done by cars on the fields; parks that see heavy usage; spot maintenance; types of grasses used; water usage; irrigation systems; park design for different technology than exists today; drought season; water restrictions; use of recycled water; purification; reducing the amount of pollutants that reach the ocean; soil temperature;

dormancy; wear tolerance; fertigation; fertilization; organics; over-seeding; scoring methodology; aeration; current costs vs. proposed costs; AB 1881 and Water Management Compliance; making adjustments to watering; calculating watering requirements; estimated staffing costs for increased maintenance; field maintenance equipment; median maintenance; contractor specs; cost differences between contractors; recommended setup for fertigation; infrastructure; no till renovating; irrigation ratings; lack of uniform coverage at Syd Kronenthal Park; partial renovations; upgrades to the upper fields at Culver City Park; focusing on key sports fields; scaling the upgrade of fields; guiding the City Council discussion; creating a longer range vision; prioritization; next steps in the process; costs associated with each field; Commission consensus that the subcommittee report to the City Council; staff agreed to provide additional information regarding pricing; Commission consensus to focus on high usage parks for sports including Culver City Park, Veterans Memorial Park, Syd Kronenthal Park, Lindberg Park, Fox Hills Park, and Blanco Park; neighbors adjacent to Tellefson Park; shared usage of Blanco Park by Culver City Unified School District; materials, staffing and equipment costs; and timing.

David Winslow discussed issues with adult soccer play and approaching the City Council with a transition plan to address the fields.

Vice Chair Amezola discussed AYSO support of adult soccer leagues; providing an opportunity for adults to play sports; current regulations; concern with targeting adult soccer; concern with past signage in Spanish prohibiting soccer; and appreciation for input and collaboration with the user community.

Commissioner Heineman exited the meeting.

Item A-2

**PRCSC - [Standing Item; Any or All of the Following Actions, if Desired] (1) Receive and File Updates from Members of the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Ad Hoc Subcommittees and Representative Appointees to Outside Associations and City Committees; (2) Formation of New and/or Discussion of Existing Ad Hoc Subcommittee(s); and, (3) Appointment of Two Commissioners to Newly-Formed Subcommittee(s)**

Chair Mohammed asked to be notified if there is a meeting of the Community Development Block Grant Advisory Committee.

Additional discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding closing out Topic #10 with the survey results at the next meeting and highlights included in information provided.

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Item A-4

**PRCSC - [Standing Item] Review the Fiscal Year 2019/2020 Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission Meeting Calendar and the Upcoming Agenda Items and Make Adjustments, if Necessary; and, (2) Receive and File the Report**

Discussion ensued between staff and Commissioners regarding review of potential changes to the requirements to become a Commission or Committee Member as well as potential changes to the duties of the Commission; research about creating a recreation scholarship assistance program; youth participation; the draft document; City Council direction regarding the Age Friendly survey results that the Commission formulate three concrete action items; Culver City as an Age Friendly Community; outreach and surveying; and the written report.

MOVED BY COMMISSIONER RICKARDS AND SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR AMEZOLA THAT THE PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION RECEIVE AND FILE THE REPORT ON THE UPCOMING AGENDA ITEMS LIST.

THE MOTION CARRIED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES: AMEZOLA, MOHAMMED, RICKARDS, ZEIDMAN  
NOES: NONE  
ABSENT: HEINEMAN

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**Public Comment - Items Not on the Agenda**

Chair Mohammed invited public comment.

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, read a written comment submitted by Barbara Silverstein from the Culver City Senior Citizens Association.

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**Receipt and Filing of Correspondence**

Patricia Mooney, Senior Management Analyst, reported that no correspondence had been received.

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**Items from Staff**

Corey Lakin, Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director, discussed the hiring of a new PRCS Manager; filling vacancies; upcoming retirements; the holiday schedule; he reported on the Abilities Carnival and Resource Fair; and he announced the Culver City Exchange Club Tribute to Heroes for Veterans Day.

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**Items from Commissioners**

None.

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**Adjournment**

There being no further business, at 10:25 P.M., the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Commission adjourned to a regular meeting to be held on Tuesday, December 3, 2019.

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Patricia A. Mooney  
SECRETARY of the Parks, Recreation and  
Community Services Commission

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Palvi Mohammed  
CHAIR of the PARKS, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES  
COMMISSION  
Culver City, California

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that, on the date below written, these minutes were filed in the Office of the City Clerk, Culver City, California and constitute the Official Minutes of said meeting.

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Jeremy Green  
CITY CLERK

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Date